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Hon. Naomi Reice Buchwald United States District Judge Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007

> Re: <u>United States v. Antoine White and Marilenny Santos</u> 07 Cr. 570 (NRB)

Dear Judge Buchwald:

This is to request a further extension of the time to file written motions on behalf of the above-captioned defendants. Counsel for co-defendant White joins in this request and the Government has consented to this request.

Your Honor previously granted a joint defense request to extend the time for filing motions to March 24, 2008, in part to allow for co-defendant meetings. However, our initial efforts to do so met with little success: each time, Mr. White (who is housed in Brooklyn) was not produced to the MCC. A few days ago we were at last able to have our first meeting; but that too was cut short by institutional delays. Additional time is needed for co-defendant meetings. Also, the parties believe that continuing plea discussions would be worthwhile.

For these reasons, we respectfully request a new date of April 21, 2008, by which motions, if any, are to be filed. Defense counsel consent to the further exclusion of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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